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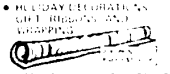

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Roll Call Report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes Sept. 30 through Oct. 1, when the 94th Congress adjourned.

HOUSE

Veto: Overrode, 312 for and 93 against, President Gerald Ford's veto of a bill appropriating $56.6 billion for fiscal 1977 programs of the departments of labor and health, education and welfare. The senate also voted to override (see below), and the bill (HR 14232) became law.

The bill funds many people programs such as job training, medical research, aid to education and medical care for the poor. Ford said the bill, despite its "worthy purposes," is $4 billion above his budget request and that it represented a "triumph of election-year politics over fiscal restraint and responsibility."

U.S. Reps. James O'Hara (D-Utica), William Ford (D-Taylor), William Brodhead (D-Detroit) and James Blanchard (D-Pleasant Ridge) supported the override vote.

U.S. Rep. William Broomfield (R-Birmingham) opposed the override.

U.S. Rep. Marvin Esch (R-Ann Arbor) did not vote.

Revenue sharing: Adopted, 292 for and 111 against, a motion circumventing the Congressional Budget Act to authorize higher federal revenue sharing outlays in fiscal 1978, 1979 and 1980. The senate agreed to the house change, and the bill (HR 13367) authorizing a $25.6 billion extension of revenue sharing through 1980, was sent to the White House.

The budget issue arose after the house speaker ruled that $600 million in additional outlays for revenue sharing in fiscal 1978-80 above the fiscal 1977 spending level violated the Congressional Budget Act ban on certain automatic spending hikes. This amendment allows the increase to take effect anyway through a loophole in the budget act.

Supporters said state and local governments need the extra funds to offset inflation and because of increased participation in the revenue sharing process.

Ford, Brodhead, Blanchard and Broomfield voted in favor of the extension.

O'Hara voted against.

Esch did not vote.

Jobless pay: Passed, 272 for and 97 against, the conference report on HR 10210, a bill extending federal-state unemployment compensation to about nine million additional workers in state and local governments, agriculture and domestic service. The measure cleared the senate and was sent to the White House.

The bill also increases employer-paid taxes to replenish unemployment trust funds depleted by the recession and establishes a study commission to review long-term needs of the unemployment compensation program.

O'Hara, Ford, Brodhead and Blanchard voted in favor of the bill.

Broomfield and Esch did not vote.

SENATE

Veto: Overrode, 67 for and 15 against, Ford's veto of HR 14232, a $56.6 billion fiscal 1977 appropriations bill for the departments of labor and health, education and welfare. The house earlier overrode (see above), and the senate's vote by more than a two-thirds majority enacted the bill.

U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin (R-Michigan) opposed the override.

Sen. Philip Hart (D-Michigan) did not vote.

Adjournment: Tabled, 36 for and 33 against, an amendment to postpone adjournment of the 94th Congress from Oct. 1 to Oct. 2 to allow the house and senate time to pass a compromise bill easing auto emission standards and setting new controls for stationary pollution sources.

The amendment was proposed to to Senate Concurrent Resolution 211, providing for Oct. 1 adjournment. The clean air bill died with the 94th Congress.

U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd (D-West Virginia), a supporter of tabling and thus killing the amendment, said he doubted that the extra day would change the situation here one whit.

U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine), an opponent of tabling, said the vote (approved of the amendment was) to provide additional time for debating the Clean Air Act in the hope that we may be able to enlighten those senators who feel they still have not had enough time, after two years, to understand it.

Griffin voted in favor of tabling the amendment.

Hart did not vote.

Wilderness: Rejected, 32 for and 38 against, an amendment to keep the 6,000-acre home of North America's largest herd of wild bighorn sheep out of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The amendment was proposed to S 1026, a bill including the Wyoming parcel among federal lands in 13 states which would be added to the wilderness system administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The bill was passed and sent to the White House.

The amendment would have retained the Wyoming land's present designation as a primitive area—a less restrictive classification also administered by the forest service.

U.S. Sen. Clifford Hansen (R-Wyoming), sponsor of the amendment, noted that state authorities feed the increasingly rare sheep and trap some of them for relocation in other mountainous areas of the nation. Because of the wilderness designation's curbs on use of motor vehicles, these activities may be curtailed by the bill, he argued. The amendment, Hansen said, would insure management of the 6,000 acres at Whiskey Mountain "to protect and enhance that bighorn sheep population."

U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston (D-California), an opponent, said that approval of the amendment would mean sending the bill back to the house for its agreement, and that the delay in the late hours of the 94th Congress could mean that "the whole bill will go down the drain."

Griffin voted yes.

Hart did not vote.

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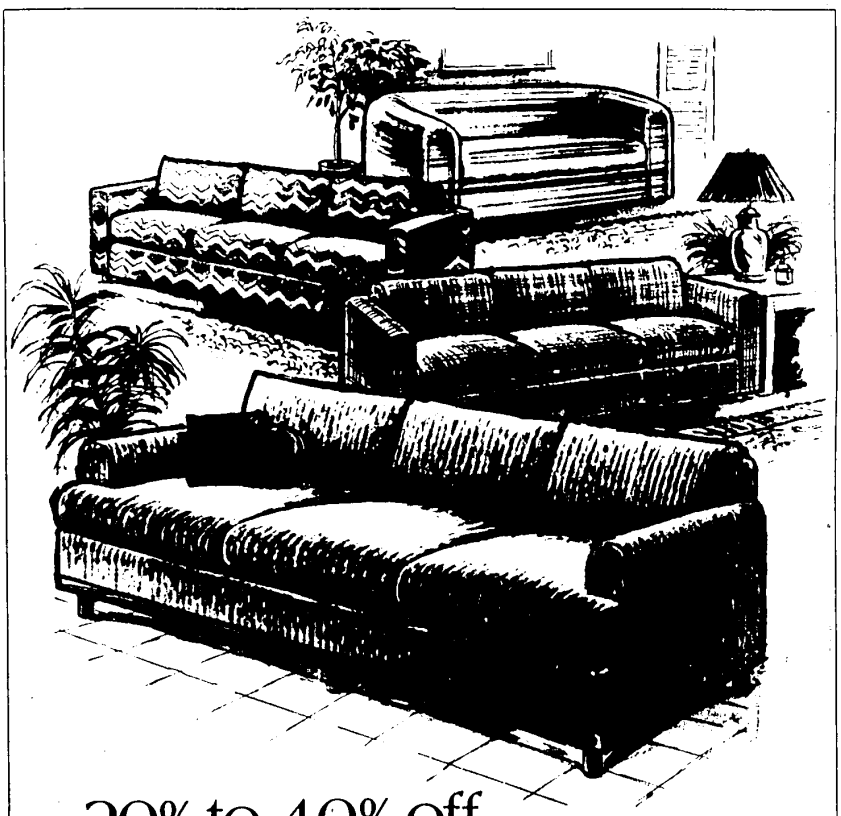

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